

## Lightning Snapshot

The small girl trudging  
From a tumbledown bridge.

Splintered handrail  
sagging toward brown water.

Thunder grumbling  
from distant clouds.

Lavender snapdragons,  
torn from a mother's garden,  
flurry to the ground,  
trampled by Mary Janes.

Under water  
a young boy,  
wilted,  
whose fist clutches silver chain.

Lightning snapshot illuminating  
freckled cheeks,  
flushed,  
above clenched baby teeth.

Her hand, now empty  
and clenched like her jaw,  
whose wrist mislays a charm bracelet.